Please join us for an engaging trip down memory lane.
Guests are most welcome.

OPEN MEETING

of the

Lafayette Historical Society

Friday, February 20, 8:30 p.m. • *Lafayette Community Center* • *Manzanita Room*

"Reminiscing"

How it was in those early years after the tunnel opened and how things have changed since that time . . . with

Jack Schneider,

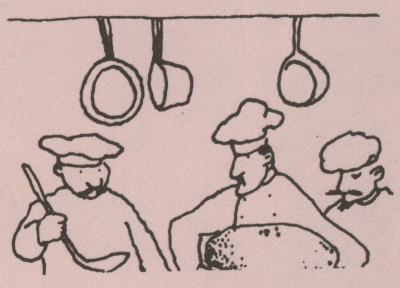
a modern pioneer who settled in Lafayette in 1940

When Jack and Margaret Schneider settled in Lafayette in 1940, their friends thought they were out of their minds to move so far out into the boonies amid the pear orchards.

The Schneiders built their home (later featured in *Better Homes and Gardens*) on Spring Hill Road before the Orinda Theatre was completed. At that time land cost from $1,000 to $2,000 an acre here. Electricity and a dirt road were their lot's only amenities. Drinking water had to be hauled in and rain water collected for diaper washing. Only when a baby was on the way did the phone company agree to provide service to their house. School children attended kindergarten at Veteran's Hall and went on to Lafayette Grammar School.

After World War II Jack got tired of commuting to Berkeley where he had been employed as a chemist in a plant engaged in the war effort. Determined to start his own business, he founded Orchard Nursery with partner Stewart Wade.

After selling the business to retire in 1971, Jack took up a cooking career, learning from such masters as James Beard and Julia Child. He had a weekly TV program on gardening and cooking on Channel 3 TV. In 1976 he opened Village Cookery in Orinda and a cooking school on the Sonoma coast (which has been featured in *Bon Appetit*).



Over the years Jack has been active in many community affairs, particularly the Community Center. He is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

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*We invite Society members and friends to join us (***Friday, February 20, 8:30 pm***) and reminisce along with Jack about how things used to be and how changes took place in Lafayette in the years since 1940. Call Elizabeth Johnston (284-4286), Nancy Midwood (283-4485) or Shirley Thomson (284-2995) for further information.*

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